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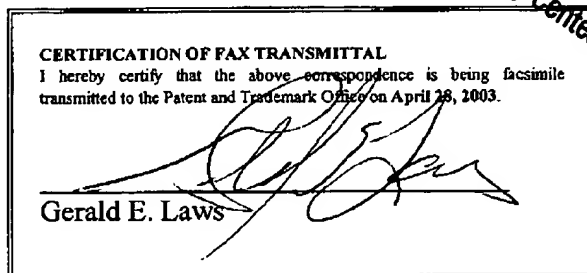
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received the Office Action mailed January 27, 2003, which rejected Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-20 and objected to Claims 6 and 9. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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